

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Gate Cottage – Toccoa Falls College
Toccoa, GA
January 28, 2016

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 28, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at Gate Cottage at Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa, Georgia. The meeting was co-hosted by City of Toccoa and Stephens County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

Dean Scarborough, Chairman
James Grogan, Vice-Chairman
George Wangemann, Secretary
Mike Berg
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
Lamar Paris

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 19, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Chafin, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Georgia Department of Economic Development - Workforce Division auditors were in the RC offices the first week in January. They were finished in one week and did not even look at our financials. There were no findings. This team was great to work with.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were three checks written during the month of December and January which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.) – (2) December & January
LTC-RYDC (WD)

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Contract for Cleaning Services

Bids were previously sent out for Cleaning Services for the offices on Ridge Road and Hilton Drive. Five bids were received with the lowest bid being from Sisk Cleaning Services for \$295-Ridge Road location and \$195-Hilton Drive location for a total of \$490 per month. This is a one year contract due to the lease expiring on the Hilton Drive office building. Mike Berg made a motion to accept the bid from Sisk Cleaning Services. J.B. Jones seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Contract for Lawn Care Services

Bids were also sent out for a three year Lawn Care Services for the Ridge Road office. Only two bids were received with the lowest bid being from Roy Johnson and Sons Lawn Care with a total of \$645. For 2016, the bid was for \$210 per month, 2017 for \$215 and 2018 for \$220 for a total of \$645. Mike Berg made a motion to accept the three year agreement with Roy Johnson and Sons Lawn Care. George Wangemann seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

2015 Regional Work Program Update

Mr. Lewis explained that the 2015 Regional Plan Update had been presented to the Executive Committee and Council prior to being submitted to DCA for their review and approval. This document was approved by DCA in December and now must be adopted by the Council. This is the same document that was previously presented to the Executive Committee and Council.

Excused Absence

Will Wade has missed three consecutive Council Meetings and according to be Bylaws is to be removed from the Council. Mr. Wade has written asking the Executive Committee to excuse him from the October Meeting. He attended the Workforce Development meeting earlier that day but had to leave to drive to Jasper to attend a meeting which involved a merger announcement by his employer. Chairman Scarborough stated that Mr. Wade is a faithful Council Member. Bill Chafin made a motion to excuse Mr. Wade from the October Meeting which will allow him to remain on the GMRC Council. Mike Berg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Discussion of April Council Meeting

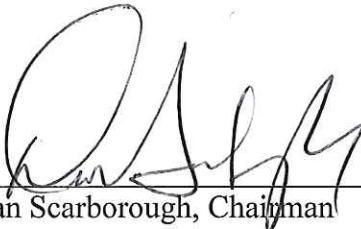
The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of moving the date of the April GMRC Council meeting. It is scheduled to be sponsored by Banks County and City of Homer on April 28th. This meeting conflicts with the ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of moving the meeting up one week to avoid this conflict or changing sponsors. The Executive Committee agreed to check with Banks County and City of Homer to see if the meeting could be moved to the 21st.

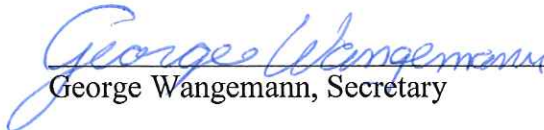
Amendment to Bylaws

Kevin Tallant, RC Attorney, reported that during the previous DOAA audit, the auditors questioned how GMRC Council and staff could win door prizes when the Bylaws state that they cannot receive any gifts. The Bylaws have been changed to clarify that door prizes that are awarded at GMRC meetings are open to the public and any member of the public in attendance at these meetings are equally eligible to win a door prize. Mike Berg made a recommendation that this change be sent to the Council for their review. Jim Conley seconded and motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman

George Wangemann, Secretary